



MINUTES

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. | 120 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair
Rep. Michael L. Kohler, Vice Chair
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Stephen G. Handy
Rep. Phil Lyman
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers

Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst
Makelle Winger, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Rep. Albrecht assumed the chair.

Acting Chair Albrecht called the meeting to order at 8:12:47 AM.

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to approve the minutes for February 18, 2022. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 9

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

1. H.B. 377 Water Rights Adjudication Amendments (Kohler, M.)

Vice Chair Kohler presented the bill with assistance of Teresa Wilhelmsen, State Engineer, Utah Division of Water Rights. They responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Bennion moved to pass H.B. 377 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

Vice Chair Kohler assumed the chair.

2. H.B. 271 Water Releases Amendments (*Lisonbee, K.*)

Rep. Karianne Lisonbee presented the bill with assistance of Kelly Walker, member of the public. They responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to return H.B. 271 to the Rules Committee.

Jeff Budge, Provo River Water Users Association, spoke against the bill.

Rep. Albrecht's motion to return H.B. 271 to the Rules Committee passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 12

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Schultz

Chair Stratton resumed the chair.

3. H.B. 378 Mining Operations Amendments (*Lund, S.*)

Rep. Albrecht assumed the chair.

Rep. Steven Lund presented the bill with assistance of Dana Dean, Deputy Director, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining. They responded to questions from the committee.

Dave Kallas, Geneva Rock and Sunroc, Aggregate Coalition, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 9

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. K. Stratton

4. H.B. 298 State Crustacean Designation (*Lesser, R.*)

Rep. Rosemary Lesser presented the bill with the assistance of Elizabeth Geronimo, student, Mohamed Fye, student, and Morgan Nicholson, student. They responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Briscoe moved to pass H.B. 298 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 9

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton

5. 1st Sub. S.B. 146 Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining Amendments (*Winterton, R.*)

Sen. Ronald Winterton presented the bill.

Chair Stratton resumed the chair.

Rikki Hrenko-Browning, President, Utah Petroleum Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 146 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz

6. 1st Sub. S.B. 160 Colorado River Authority of Utah Amendments (*Winterton, R.*)

Sen. Winterton presented the bill with the assistance of Amy Haass, Executive Director, Colorado River Authority of Utah. They responded to questions from the committee.

Nathan Brady helped clarify a committee question in relation to the language of the bill.

Brian Steed, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lindsey Hutchison, Utah Rivers Council, commented on the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Snider moved to hold 1st Substitute S.B. 160 with further discussion from the committee. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 11

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz

**7. 1st Sub. S.C.R. 8 Concurrent Resolution Recognizing the Importance of the Agriculture Industry
(Winterton, R.)**

Sen. Winterton presented the bill and responded to questions from the committee.

Kelly Pehrson, Deputy Commissioner, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, spoke in favor of the bill.

Garrick Hall, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dave Evans, Duchesne County Farm Bureau, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to pass 1st Substitute S.C.R. 8 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 4.



Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. S. Handy
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz

Chair Stratton adjourned the meeting at 9:56:52 AM.